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The Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

5 August 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM : Henry S. Rowen, Chairman  
National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT : Nicaragua Game, 17 August 1983

1. This is to confirm the arrangements my office recently made with you on an informal basis concerning your participation in a brief politico-military simulation on Nicaragua. The game, sponsored jointly by Under Secretary of Defense Dr. Fred Ikle and by me, will be held in the Studies Analysis and Gaming Agency facility in the Pentagon (Room BC942A) from 1300 to 1700 hours on Wednesday, 17 August.

2. Game Director will be Dr. Tom Brown of the Rand Corporation. The Red Team will be Headed by MG William Odom, Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence), US Army. The Blue Team will be headed by Ambassador Steven Bosworth, Director of the Policy Planning Staff, Department of State. We hope to have a total of about 20 participants in the game, including officers of State, the NSC Staff, CIA, DIA, OSD, and the military services (see attached list). Technical support for the game will be arranged and provided by SAGA.

3. A detailed scenario will, of course, be provided at game time, but in summary the game posits continued growth by next winter in the size of the anti-Sandinista forces and an expansion of their capabilities. The Nicaraguan leadership believes that its internal security forces can no longer contain the insurgents, leading it to request additional Cuban troops, to which Castro appears disposed to respond favorably, and to put pressure on its neighbors. The US continues to hold military exercises in the area, and the Salvadoran and Honduran governments are pressing Washington to respond more vigorously to the threat posed by Marxist Leninist forces in the region.

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4. The game will be conducted at the TS level; please have your clearance certified to JCS Security as soon as possible. Should you have questions or problems concerning your participation, please call my Executive Officer [ ] Thank you for agreeing to participate in the game, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Attachment:  
Tentative List of Participants



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Tentative List of Participants in Nicaragua Game, 17 August 1983

Blue:                   Amb. Steven Bosworth (State); Team Head  
                           Alfonso Sapia-Bosch (NSC)  
                           (State Representative)  
                           (JCS Representative)  
                           (OSD Representative)

Red:                    MG William Odom (Army): Team head  
                           [Redacted]  
                           [Redacted]  
                           [Redacted]  
                           (CIA/DDO Representative)  
                           (State Representative)

Control:               Tom Brown (Rand): Game Director  
                           [Redacted]  
                           Luigi Einaudi (State)  
                           [Redacted]  
                           [Redacted]  
                           [Redacted]  
                           Oliver North (NSC)  
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